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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR LA
SUBJECT: NOTES ON LAO PARTY LEADERSHIP

1. A WESTERN RESIDENT OF VIENTIANE WITH ACCESS TO INFORMATION REGARDING THE LAO PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY TOLD EMBOFF MAY 12 THAT SOMSUNE KHAMPHITHOUNE, PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, IS CURRENTLY IN SOUTHERN LAOS ATTEMPTING TO DEAL WITH THE CHRONIC INSURGENT PROBLEMS THERE.

2. THE SAME SOURCE SAID THAT SOTH PHETRASY, FORMERLY MINISTER OF PLAN AND NATIONAL ECONOMY UNDER THE COALITION GOVERNMENT AND FORMERLY AN INFLUENTIAL PARTY MEMBER, WAS "PURGED" AND IS NOW IN VIET NAM UNDERGOING INTENSIVE REEDUCATION. THE SOURCE, QUOTING PARTY MEMBERS, SAID THAT INTENSIVE REEDUCATION IN VIET NAM FOR HIGH LPRP MEMBERS IS RARE, BUT HAS BEEN EMPLOYED IN THE PAST, ONCE FOR POLITBURO MEMBER AND DEPUTY
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PRIME MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT.

3. THE LAO INFORMATION MINISTRY DAILY BULLETIN MAY 10 REPORTED THAT SIPHONE PHALIKHANE, "VICE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR AND ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE LPRP CENTRAL COMMITTEE" ACCOMPANIED THE LAO PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DELEGATION WHICH LEFT FOR EAST GERMANY MAY 10.

4. COMMENT: SIPHON PHALIKHANE HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY
BEEN IDENTIFIED AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE LPRP
CENTRAL COMMITTEE. SOTH PHETRASY HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM
VIENTIANE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.
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